

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 8/07/01)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Sole Source Procurement – Vacuum Valves

As part of the Piney Point, Dare Phase III and the Seaford Vacuum Sewer Extension Projects it is necessary to purchase 225 vacuum valves. The vacuum valves are not included in the construction contract because these vacuum valves are installed by County forces and save the County from paying additional overhead and profit to the contractor.

In April of 1999, the County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) which solicited information from various manufacturers of vacuum sewer components about their design services, equipment, parts, supplies, technical services, testing equipment and support. The purpose of the RFP was to qualify the products of various manufacturers as standards or as approved equals in the County's Sanitary Sewer Standards and Specifications. However, only one company, AIRVAC, responded to the RFP.

In conjunction with the RFP process, the County procured the professional services of URS Greiner Woodward Clyde (URS) to provide an independent evaluation of each proposal. Upon receipt of the one proposal, URS evaluated AIRVAC's proposal and determined that AIRVAC met the criteria established by the County set forth in the RFP and recommended that the County use AIRVAC as the standard for vacuum systems in the County.

In December of 1999, the Board of Supervisors adopted R99-224, which among approving other minor changes to the Sanitary Sewer Standards and Specifications approved AIRVAC as the County standard for its vacuum system. Therefore, the attached resolution authorizes the procurement of 225 vacuum valves at \$900 each manufactured by AIRVAC and supplied by their local sales representative Sherwood-Logan and Associates for a total cost of \$202,500.

I recommend the Board approve Resolution R01-141.

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Attachments:

- Sanitary Sewer Standards and Specifications, Section II.E.2
- History of Valve Purchases